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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: Feb.27, -The next KCDXC meeting will be a LIVE meeting at the JOCO Library, 9875 W. 87th St., Overland Park KS, 66212. Start: 6:30pm. Zoom meeting is available also.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT NEXT MEETING-

Nominations for KCDXC President will be accepted at the Feb. Meeting. Voting will be electronic(email) as in the past. Reminder: only paid up members will be allowed to vote in the upcoming elections.

SEND IN YOUR 2024 KCDXC DUES-Dues can be paid by Paypal. Go to KCDXC web page and click link where it says "Donate to Club." Checks may be sent by mail to WØZAP directly.

KØVBU SHACK PIC- Below is a shack photo of KØVBU at the operating desk. His youthful appearance is because this pic was taken at ABØI in the mid 1970's. He's just a kid!



Hopefully, KØVBU will send in a picture of his current shack to share with the club soon.

Please send over your shack pic, too: ab0x@kc.rr.com.

KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M	DX Challenge
AB0X	357	353	353	236		227	55	2382
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
N0RB	353	347	351				23	2269
K3PA	352	350	351	326		195	36	2754
N0CWR	350	350	350	326	985	207	101	2933
NX0I	350	349	347	271		211	6	2522
K0CA	350	349	350	331	318	112	36	2641
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
AC0A	348	321	348	221	888	25	15	2295
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
KS0DX	347	324	337	225	360	107		2516
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
K0GY	344	342	344	292			5	2316
KB0X	336							
KE5BR	335	177	297	79				742
W0QQ	335	262	332	271	151	119	43	2127
WA0WOF	335							
K0AP	334	331	325	295		47	8	2353
W4DTA	334	277	304	148	275	49	84	1471
K0THN	334	322	288	193	243	1		1929
K4SX	331	280	320	187		52	82	1773
W0MB	329	255	326	285		45		1849
K0XM	326	292	275	225		113	24	1858
K0UR	320							
AC0C	315	306	269	250	359	130	3	2037
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1296
K0IZ	300		300					
N9GB	289							
N0EG	276	206	182	155		30	14	935
NS0D	270	213	134	181		3	2	978
AD0K	265	247	88	200	209	36	6	940
AI6O	263	237	200	171		20	10	1027
W0XE	248	216	193	14				832
W0DR	229	30	174	70		10	7	622
K0RAR	195	26	55	191	188	18	13	1027
N0RC	186	42	52	177	82	3	3	788
W0ZAP	171	39	76	149	21		5	655
W0HL	112	30	53	97		5	8	300

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions. NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to ab0x@kc.rr.com . Please only one update a month.



January 29, 202

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

By KØTHN

The January 2024 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by Vice President Lee Ward, KØLW, at 6:30pm CST. The meeting was conducted in the Johnson County Central Resource Library Branch, Carmack Community Room. No Zoom link was used for this meeting.

Agenda

1. Member reports
2. Nominations for new president as Chuck Kraly, KØXM, has declined the office.
3. DXpeditions and Contests including WØAR Results
4. Zoom Link Always Up
5. Dues
6. Comments and next meeting

Member Reports

Clark, KBØEL, worked Clipperton, TX5S

Duke, WØQQ, got TX5S in 27 slots.

Mike, ABØX, QRU

Ron, KØBRO, 18 slots

Charlie, KØTHN, 6 slots. He also reported a 40-meter CW QSO with Ragnar, LA5HE, Norway. Charlie's log showed a previous QSO in 1961. A good memory.

Larry, KDØIRU, QRU

Chuck, KØXM, QRU

Dave, W7FB, says he is working on the next perfect integer.

Kay, WAØWOF, TX5S on 12m SSB.

Rob, KØRAR, QRU

Greg, N9GB, all TX5S slots except 160 meters

Rob, NMØN, working well with a 40-meter vertical antenna.

Steve, WØMW, fell on ice.

Mike, WØMB, worked CQWWCW on 10-meters only and had great conditions.

Lee, KØLW, TX5S 160

(Secy. Note: QRU means that the member had nothing to report or, more likely, the secretary failed to capture what was said in his notes. My apologies.)

Appeal for President and volunteer positions

V.P., Lee, KØLW, appealed for nominations for the vacant office of president.

Greg, N9GB, said he is not available now due to job duties. Duke, WØQQ, is not available this year due to Masonic duties. A suggestion was made to make the job

shared for now. Not accepted. So, the position has no nominations for now.

Volunteer positions:

Upcoming DXpeditions and Contests reporter. Charlie, K0THN, suggested this feature be discontinued for now as the information presented is readily available in the newsletter, and online. This was agreed to. Charlie will continue to publish the suggested links for these two subjects.in the minutes.

Audio Visual coordinator. Tom, NM0N, volunteered for this. Thank you, Tom.

Webmaster No volunteers for this were found. The KCDX Club Bylaws state that there shall be a website.

Rick, W0ZAP, will be running the CW pileup contest at Dayton again this year. Thank you, Rick.

Discussion

Duke, W0QQ, reported that he has received his 50-year ARRL membership pin.

Lee, K0LW, reported that ARRL Chief Executive Officer and Secretary David Minster, NA2AA, would be interested in making a presentation to the club.

A general discussion followed about how to increase membership and attendance. Here are some of the ideas presented.

Ron, K0BRO, suggested that we appoint a committee to brainstorm membership ideas. He also suggested that this committee be tasked to come up with a strategic plan which would:

1. Define who we are - what is our purpose?
2. Define where we are going - what is our vision?
3. Define how we are going to get there.

Secretary note: the following from our Constitution and Bylaws says the following about the club purpose:

{{{ Article I: Organization & Association

I.I This organization, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the Kansas City DX Club (KCDXC). The Kansas City DX Club wishes to remain affiliated with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

I.II It shall be our purpose to promote the exchange of information and cooperation between members and other organizations, to promote amateur radio, technical knowledge and individual operating efficiency, and to conduct club programs and activities to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community, with a focus on DXing and contesting.

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DXPeditions

I do not generally report DX notices here because the information is so perishable. The DXWORLD DXpedition Time-Line is a great tool to see upcoming DXpeditions.

<https://www.dx-world.net/tag/dx-world-dxpedition-timeline/>.

Chuck also uses the NG3K Announced DX Operations website for information. This information is also available on the <https://kcdxclub.org/dxpeditions> website.

Contests

As usual, see the WA7BNM online calendar <https://www.contestcalendar.com/>.

Zoom Link

Chuck, K0XM, reports that the zoom link is available 24/7 for us to use.

Meeting ID: 870 2915 7891

Passcode: 645704

Dues for 2024 are Due now - \$20

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be February 26, 2024, the last Monday of the month. It is not known at this time if the meeting will be available on Zoom.

Chuck, K0XM, moved that we adjourn at 7:33pm CST. Motion carried.

Charlie Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary.

EDITORIAL COMMENT: QUALIFICATIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF KCDXC BY AB0X

The President of the KCDXC should:

- *Have extensive knowledge of DXing and has actually achieved DXCC. It would be desirable if they had 300+ DXCC countries confirmed and have been a KCDXC member for several years!

- *Be an ARRL member!

- *Work well with MO & KS ARRL Section Managers.

- *Have an appreciation for the history of the KCDXC and what founding fathers of the club established as our purpose and goals.

- *Be able to work well with other club members who volunteer their time to help the KCDXC function. This includes committees and club officers.

- *Have the ability to promote the KCDXC at conventions and at Dayton. (Shaking hands and slapping backs).

- *Be creative and develop interesting programs for club meetings.

- *Be able to make wise decisions regarding DXpedition funding.

- *Be able to work with JOCO Library to schedule monthly KCDXC meetings.

Choose wisely, members!

AB0X

RESULTS OF 2023 W0AR & N0SS CONTESTS

W0AR DX CONTEST

CALL	COUN- TRIES	ZONES LOW POWER	SCORE
K0BRO	200	39	7800
AB0X	195	39	7505

HIGH POWER

K0BRO	253	40	10,120
W0MB	214	39	8346
N0RB	178	40	7120

QRPP

AB0X	161	34	5474
W0MB	87	19	1053

LOW POWER WIRES & VERTICAL

K0THN	165	38	6270
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N0SS CONTEST

W0MB	Total	4,242,893
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CONGRATS TO ALL THE WINNERS!!

AWARDS COMMITTEES COMMENT ON W0AR AND N0SS CONTESTS IN 2024:
The KCDXC Contest & Awards Committee is very disappointed in

the level of participation in the annual W0AR and N0SS competitions. We believe that these programs should stimulate competition among KCDXC members. The Committee solicits your comments concerning both W0AR and N0SS programs. What steps do you think would promote competition? Would generous prizes stimulate participation? Should we consider prizes for KCDXC Members' participation in certain national and/or international weekend contests? We will be grateful for any creative comments. ... 73, Ron, K0BRO

KCDXC TRIVIA QUIZ

BY AB0X

1.Name the old KCDXC member who got his dates mixed up. He was going to operate for the first time at AB0I for CQ WW Phone Contest. When he arrived he thought it was funny no other cars were there and John was off in the field working on an antenna. AB0I told him, "You are either really early OR you have the dates mixed up?"

Who was it???

2.At a KCDXC Golf Tournament this KCDXCer was kicked off the golg course for taking a wiz behind a tree. Tree didn't block the view from the club house. The course Pro asked him to leave!

Who was it???

3.This KCDXC member used to play in a country music band and toured all over Oklahoma and Texas and played every rodeo in between.

Who was it???

If you can get all three questions correct you will receive from the Editor a jar of BJ Fish Bait("Not for human consumption" It says this on the label). Send in your answers to ab0x@kc.rr.com .

DXCC CARD CHECKING

If you need QSL cards checked for any ARRL award, the KCDXC has two certified ARRL card checkers. K0LW and AB0X both are available to check cards before KCDXC meetings. Please email in advance so the two checkers can plan on arriving early to complete their QSL chores before the meeting starts. Contact Lee at k0lw160@gmail.com or K0LW@arrl.net . Contact Mike at ab0x@kc.rr.com .

DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY AB0X

OPERATING TIP #5:

Look for New DX Challenges to Maintain interest and Skills!

Many years ago before a KCDXC meeting I asked W0AR how he kept up his interest in working DX, since he had worked all countries available since DXCC was created after WWII. The wise old sage said, "Simple, find new challenges in DX every year!"

Here are a few tips Lee suggested:

"*It is easy to lose interest when there's nothing on you need or can work! So, start over with zero countries confirmed, and see how long it takes to reach the top rung of DXCC again.

*Operate all modes, especially CW, to keep your skills sharp.

*Work DXCC with low power or if you can accept the challenges, do it QRPp!

*Use just one mode and see how many countries you can rack up!

*Go on a DXpedition. Start with semi-rare countries until you build up your skills.

*Participate in yearly DX activities and DX contests to keep/hone your skills and contribute to KCDXC totals. "

Remember, DXing is a personal contest where you are competing against yourself first, then others later.

W0AR's advice applies even 30+ years after he gave them to me!

Have an operating tip of your own? Send it in to the Editor for the newsletter. Don't be shy! ab0x@kc.rr.com

SPECIAL NOTE:

The ARRL CW DX Contest is ongoing as I write this last part of the newsletter. I heard several KCDXC members operating in the test. I had the receiver turned up to listen for a weak station when AC0C came on frequency and worked the guy in one call. I had to bang the top of the rig a couple of times to get my S Meter unstuck! My ears and still hurting! -AB0X

DX NEWS:

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From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT February 15, 2024

To all radio amateurs

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by KC1XX, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

TANZANIA, 5H. Sysa, OM4AYL will be QRV as 5H4AYL from Pemba Island, IOTA AF-063, from February 18 to 28. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and

FT8. QSL to home call.

MADAGASCAR, 5R. Borut, S53BV will be QRV as 5R8BV from Nosy Be from February 17 to March 3. Activity will be on the HF bands. This includes being an entry in the ARRL International DX CW and upcoming ARRL International DX SSB contests. QSL direct to home call.

UGANDA, 5X. Alan, G3XAQ and Don, G3XTT are QRV as 5X1XA until February 20. Activity is on the HF bands using only CW. This includes being an entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL direct to G3SWH.

TONGA, A3. Operators YT1AD, YU3AA, RC90 and UA90LY will be QRV as A35AD, A35AA, A35LY, and A35RC, respectively, from February 20 to 27. QSL to home calls.

QATAR, A7. Max, ON5UR is QRV as A71/ON5UR from Doha until February 24. QSL to home call.

JUAN FERNANDEZ ISLAND, CE0. A large group of operators are QRV as CB0ZA and CB0ZEW from Robinson Crusoe Island, IOTA SA-001, until February 24. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters, including 60 meters, using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8 in DXpedition mode. They will also be active as CB0ZW in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via N200.

MARTINIQUE, FM. Yuri, VE3DZ is QRV as FM/VE3DZ until February 21. Activity is on the HF bands. He will be QRV as T04A in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS, FW. Operators LZ1GC and LZ5QZ will be QRV as FW8CG and TX8GC, respectively, from Wallis Island, IOTA OC-054, from February 19 to March 9. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

FRENCH GUYANA, FY. Larry, F6FVY will be QRV as FY5KE in the ARRL International DX CW contest as a Single Op/Single Band on 15 meters entry. QSL direct to home call.

COLOMBIA, HK. Matt, KC1XX will be QRV as HK4RCA, or possibly 5K4X, in the ARRL International DX CW contest as a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry. Depending on local conditions, he may be active as a Single Band entry on either 15 or 10 meters. QSL via LoTW.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA, HL. Operators 6K2BYF, 6K2CFI, 6K2GRX and DS1TUW will be QRV as DT0IP from Anmyon Island, IOTA AS-080, from February 17 to 19. They will use CW, SSB, and FT8 on 40 to 10 meters with two stations. QSL via LoTW.

THAILAND, HS. Members of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand are QRV as HS60RAST until March 10 to celebrate the society's 60th anniversary. QSL via HS6MYW.

DENMARK, OZ. A large group of operators will be QRV as OZ5W as a Multi/2 entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

ARUBA, P4. John, W2GD is QRV as P44W from Santa Cruz until February 20. Activity is on all bands, with an emphasis on 30, 17, and 12 meters, using CW as time permits. This includes being a Single Op/All Band entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via N2MM.

SURINAME, PZ. Dimitri, RA3CO is QRV as PZ5DX from Lelydorp. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW.

BENIN, TY. Antonio, IK7WUL is QRV as TY2AA until February 20 while on a humanitarian mission. He is active using SSB in his spare time. QSL via IZ8CCW.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, V2. Chuck, KG9N is QRV as V26CV from Antigua, IOTA NA-100, until February 20. Activity is on various bands using CW and SSB. This includes being an entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

BELIZE, V3. Uwe, DL8UD is QRV as V31KO until March 6. He will be active as V30 in the ARRL International DX CW and upcoming ARRL International DX SSB contests. QSL to home call.

BRUNEI, V8. Hajime, JO1RUR will be QRV as V85RH as a Single Op/All Band/High Power entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

BERMUDA, VP9. Darrell, AB2E is QRV as AB2E/VP9 until February 19. Activity is on the HF bands using mainly CW with some FT8, and with a focus on 30, 17, and 12 meters. This includes being active as VP9I in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call and VP9I via WW3S.

CAYMAN ISLANDS, ZF. Bill, W5SJ is QRV as ZF2EZ from Cayman Brac using CW and QRP power. He will be active as ZF5T in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

ST. HELENA, ZD7. Oliver, W6NV will be QRV as ZD7W in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC CW Memorial, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, QRP 40-Meter CW Fox Hunt, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test 40 CW, Mini-Test 80 CW and the AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening are scheduled for February 19 to 21

THANKS ARRL DX BULLETIN!

OLDIE BUT GOODIE!

Jeff, AC0C, sent over an Oldie but Goodie! AC0C snapped a pic of a great keepsake. Looks like a pen from the past.



REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR 2024 DUES TO W0ZAP OR USE THE KCDXC WEB PAGE AND THE PAYPAL LINK!

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